(c) and (d) Consequent upon the shortage of upliftment capacity on the part of airlines, there has been a backlog of cargo at Delhi airport. To avoid the hardship to exporters it has been decided to increase the free storage period to seven days from 8th April to 30th April, 2000. Efforts have been made to engage additional chartered flights to alleviate the problems of exporters.

Training to Hindi typists and stenographers

†3068. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of typists and stenographers in his Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who are yet to be trained in Hindi typing and Hindi stenography ;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far ; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Export Promotion Parks in Karnataka

3069. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many Export Promotion Parks are in Karnataka ;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for setting up an Export Promotion Park in Mangalore ;

(c) if so, the steps, if any, taken by Government ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up an Export Promotion Park in Bellary in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) On the basis of proposal received from Government of Karnataka, an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Hoodi, Bangalore has already been sanctioned. The proposal of the State Government for a second EPIP at Mangalore has also been approved in principle.

(d) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.